

Good news for this week: an amendment our Hydrogen Fuel Cell Caucus pushed for this week was passed. The amendment provides \$18.4 million for hydrogen research that a House committee recently slashed. Now, funding levels in the bill for hydrogen research and development are back at the level the Department of Energy recommended. I'll continue to support these efforts by my friend Al Wynn of Maryland and other members of our Fuel Cell caucus so we can continue to support the rollout of hydrogen cell fuels in the market and bring the United States great energy security.

The overall Energy and Water Appropriations bill will be voted on after the House Leadership makes available all the earmarks that have been proposed and the full House of Representatives can review them. This is a commonsense requirement that was adopted by House Leadership last week.

Many of us went to the floor to protest the decision by Appropriations Chairman Obey that committee staff members would be allowed to review and approve earmarks to be later added to spending bills already passed by the House of Representatives. Reforms adopted by the House last year to make the process more transparent were ignored, so we went into the late hours last week challenging this and the fact that Chairman Obey would keep billions of dollars from the scrutiny of the House, media or public.

Fortunately, Democratic Leaders conceded that spending bills, including earmarks requests, must be vetted by the House committees and Members of Congress must have time to review them before they move forward to the full House of Representatives where again, earmarks will be fully disclosed and may be challenged by any Member.

This week, I also announced an effort to empower voices in communities who are interested in broadcasting via Low-power FM radio. For more information on this important bipartisan announcement, feel free to visit: [http://www.leeterry.house.gov/Article\\_Details.aspx?NewsID=1531](http://www.leeterry.house.gov/Article_Details.aspx?NewsID=1531)



